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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

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45269

First named inventor: RICHARDS et al.

Application No.: 10/615,401

Art Unit: 3634

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Examiner: S. Purol

Title: Hinged Swing Bracket Assembly for a Rack System

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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

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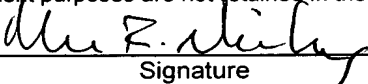
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- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

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Sir:

In response to the March 16, 2006 second Advisory Action, Applicants request that the above-identified application be revived pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b).

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply (March 22, 2006) until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional. Applicants believed that the Amendment filed February 22, 2006 responsive to the first Advisory Action mailed January 4, 2006 had put the application in condition for allowance. However, a second Advisory Action was mailed March 16, 2006 that vacated the first Advisory Action. The second Advisory Action was received March 17, 2006, five days before the six month date of the September 22, 2006 final Office Action. The second Advisory Action noted that the Amendment filed February 22, 2006 was not entered for

raising new issues. Due to an internal docketing error, the second Advisory Action was not reviewed until after the six month date of the final Office Action, i.e., after March 22, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request revival of the patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) and entry of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees associated with the subject Petition to Revive or RCE to Deposit Account Number 18-2220.

Respectfully Submitted,

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